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Attachments: ORD PFAS Inventory 2018 03 27.xlsx; ORD Connectivity Manuscripts.pdf; Anticipated Products.3.28.18.xlsx

Dear all,

As the Agency transitions to a new Strategic Plan and new Administration priorities, and as ORD develops our next round of Strategic Research Action Plans, we wanted to share our anticipated products from our previous research plans for high interest topic areas. In addition, I am sharing a list of our research and anticipated products for perfluorinated chemicals (PFAS). The information is contained in three attachments:

- 1. Research activities related to PFAS;
- 2. Final products anticipated around connectivity science; and
- 3. Compilation of anticipated products around other scientific topics of interest.

As per ORD's advance notification process, we generally share an EPA authored paper for high interest topics with the relevant programs and/or regions in advance of submitting it to a journal for publication. The goal of this pre-notification is to make sure you are aware of the publication and to ensure there are no policy statements contained within the product or factual errors regarding programs and to avoid surprises of published data relevant to the activities of our program and regional partners.

We included Requests for Applications for grants, or RFAs, in this compilation. A few notes about these grants:

- The RFAs represent grants awarded that are open and active as of March 2018, and address (or have
 the potential to address) one or more of the topics of interest. The listed topic may not be the focus or
 purpose of the grant, but instead may be a research element included by the project/research areas of
 the grantee.
- The average lifespan of a grant is 3-5 years. There is also the option of a no-cost extension, which can add additional time to the grant life but does not increase the funding amount.
- Publications from grantees are most likely to occur toward the end of the grant and 3 years following
 the close of the grant. While grantees are required through their Terms and Conditions to notify EPA of
 publications during the time their grant is active, it not a requirement following the end of the
 grant. This creates a challenge to know when grantee papers are published and released following the
 close of the grants.
- The official titles of the RFAs and the grantees' project titles cannot be changed or modified/adjusted.
 These are the official titles listed on award documents and permanent records of the funding.
- In accordance with EPA Order 5700.1, the primary beneficiary of grants is the public, not EPA. While
 EPA may receive incidental benefits from the funded research, these grants cannot be directly awarded
 to obtain information to set guidelines, or for the direct incorporation into technical, policy or
 regulatory decisions.

You can search for our products by topic area or research program. The key for our national research programs is:

- 1. SSWR Safe and Sustainable Water Resources
- 2. CSS Chemical Safety for Sustainability
- 3. SHC Sustainable and Healthy Communities
- 4. AER Air and Energy Research
- 5. HHRA Human Health Risk Assessment
- 6. HSRP Homeland Security Research Program

We hope this information will be helpful. Please note, this is not a comprehensive list, so if there is something missing that you were expecting, or you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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